

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for selecting a final option comprising at least two destinations, comprising:

displaying a plurality of components received in said client computer, each of said plurality of components having a parameter;

selecting by a customer at least one of the plurality of components;

manipulating by the customer information for at least one parameter of the at least one selected component;

transmitting by the client computer to a server said manipulated parameter information received from said client for said selected ones of said components;

calculating by the server a plurality of options, each of said plurality of options comprising at least one suboption that corresponds to a value of one of said selected ones of said components, the at least one suboption is selected in accordance with said received manipulated parameter information, each of the at least one suboption represents inventory manipulated by a seller in real-time;

receiving and displaying together by said client computer from said server the calculated plurality of options;

selecting by the customer at least two suboptions from at least two different ~~received~~ displayed plurality of options;

creating a final option based on said customer selection;

requesting by the customer a reservation of the created final option;
transmitting by the client computer to said server said created final option and the reservation request;
generating by the server a confirmation that the final option is reserved for the customer in response to the transmitted reservation request; and
transmitting by the server to the client computer the generated confirmation, wherein the created final option is a customized travel package.

2. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
coupling said client computer to a network via a communications device;
providing said customer with a single user interface;
viewing by said customer said at least two destinations via the single user interface; and
generating by said client computer a single itinerary having a single price from said customer selection of the at least two suboptions via the single user interface.

3. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising said customer selecting multiple airfares in a sequence of said at least two destinations.

4. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
sorting by the server said calculated plurality of options according to price; and
transmitting by the server to said client computer the plurality of options sorted in a predetermined order based on the price.

5. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
transmitting by said client computer user-generated payment information to said server in response to said confirmation; and
receiving by said client computer one of an approval and a denial of said final option in response to said customer-generated payment information.

6. (previously presented): The method of claim 5, wherein said client computer transmitting customer-generated payment information comprises said client computer transmitting to said server at least one of payment account information, billing address, company name, telephone contact information, and electronic mail address of said customer.

7. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
said client computer receiving a customer-generated discount code indicative of a discount criteria of said customer;
transmitting said discount code to said server;
generating by the server a discount corresponding to said discount code.

8. (withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein said seller comprises a vendor selling said inventory via said server, and the server updates a datastore storing said inventory by changing availability of said inventory in response to said final option.

9. (withdrawn): The method of claim 8, comprising said vendor selling said at least one suboption comprising one of a hotel room, a vehicle rental, an air transportation ticket, a travel tour and a travel service or a product.

10. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said providing the customer with the transmitted generated confirmation further comprises said client computer receiving said confirmation from said server for at least one of said seller and a travel agent.

11. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said displaying comprises displaying said plurality of components comprising at least one of lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations, and reservation options received in said client computer.

12. (previously presented): The method of claim 11, wherein said transmitting to the server said manipulated parameter information received from said customer for said selected ones of said components comprises transmitting parameter information for at least one of:

said air transportation accommodations comprising at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines, and desired flight requests;

said surface transportation options comprising at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price, and desired vehicle rental company;

said lodging accommodations comprising at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, hotel chain, and hotel rating; and

said reservation options comprising surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment, and food products.

13. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

said customer combining at least one first suboption of a first option with at least one second suboption of a second option creating said final option; and

said client computer transmitting said at least one first suboption and said at least one second suboption to said server; and

calculating by the server a price for said created final option based on the transmitted first and second suboptions,

wherein the options are displayed together with prices.

14. - 70. (canceled).

71. (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for generating a customized travel package comprising:

displaying a plurality of components at a client computer, at least some of said plurality of components having a parameter;

selecting by a user at least one of the displayed plurality of components;

manipulating by the user information for at least one parameter of the at least one selected component;

receiving by the server from the client computer a first input signal having the selected components and the manipulated at least one parameter;

calculating by the server a plurality of options, each of said plurality of options having a suboption comprising a value corresponding to one of said plurality of components, and said value is generated in accordance with said user-determined value of said parameter;

receiving from the server and displaying together by the client computer ~~from the server~~ the calculated plurality of options;

selecting by the user various suboptions from at least two of the plurality of options;

receiving by the server from the client computer the selected various suboptions; and

creating by the server the customized travel package comprising a plurality of destinations corresponding to said components, in an itinerary having a single price; and

receiving the created customized travel package by the client computer from the server for displaying the customized travel package to the user.

72. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising allowing, by a user interface, said user to view said displayed customized travel package, including said components corresponding to said destinations.

73. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, wherein said plurality of options are sorted according to price.

74. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising:

the server receiving a user-generated payment information in response to an information request from the client; and

the server transmitting to the client computer one of an approval and a denial signal in response to said user-generated payment information.

75. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 74, wherein said payment information comprises at least one of payment account information, billing address, company name, telephone contact information, and electronic mail address of said user.

76. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising outputting purchase terms and conditions corresponding to the calculated customized travel package and outputting a confirmation.

77. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising determining a discount code indicative of a user discount.

78. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 77, wherein said discount code is a user-generated location code.

79. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising a third party inputting information comprising one of text information, a location indicator, and rating information for said at least one suboption.

80. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising a third party controlling inventory of said at least one suboption in response to availability of said inventory.

81. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 80, wherein said third party comprises a vendor that controls inventory of said at least one suboption comprising one of a hotel room, a vehicle rental, an air transportation ticket, a travel tour and a travel product/service item.

82. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising generating a confirmation message by said server and providing the generated confirmation message to at least one of the user, a third party, and a travel agent.

83. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, wherein said plurality of components comprise at least one of lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations, and reservation options.

84. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said parameters for said air transportation accommodations comprise at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines, and desired flight requests.

85. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said parameters for said surface transportation options comprise at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price and desired vehicle rental company.

86. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said lodging accommodations comprise at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, and hotel chain.

87. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said parameters for said reservation options comprise at least one of surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment and food products.

88. (previously presented): The client system of claim 83, wherein said customized travel package comprises at least one first suboption of a first option and at least one second suboption of a second option to calculate said customized travel package.

89-151. (canceled).

152. (currently amended): A computer system adapted to generate a travel package, comprising:

a processor, and

a memory;

wherein the processor is configured to execute the following operations:

displaying at least two travel groups, each group comprising at least two tourism products or services;

receiving client selection comprising a travel group and information input by the client for every desired tourism product or service of the travel group;

generating values for each of the tourism product or service in the selected travel group based on the information input by the client;

displaying together the generated values for each of the at least two tourism products or services in the selected travel group;

receiving client selection of a displayed value for each of the at least two tourism products or services of the selected travel group; and

creating a travel package based on the client selection of the displayed values.

153. (previously presented): The computer system according to claim 152, wherein the client selects only one value of the displayed values for at least two of the desired components, and wherein the generated travel package is a customized package based on the user selections.

154. (previously presented): The computer system according to claim 152, wherein said the processor is configured to further perform operations of:

calculating a final price for the created travel package;

modifying the final price by applying a discount calculated based on residence information of the client; and

displaying the travel package with the modified final price.

155. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium having computer readable instructions which when executed by a computer cause the computer to implement a method for generating a customized travel package comprising:

displaying a plurality of components, said components comprising tourism products;

receiving a first user selection comprising at least two components where information input by the user for every component of the selected at least two components;

creating travel packages for the selected at least two components based on the information input by the user, each of the travel packages comprising a value for every component of the at least two selected components;

displaying the generated travel packages;

receiving a second user selection comprising of selecting at least one component from at least two different travel packages from the displayed travel packages; and

generating a customized travel package different from the displayed travel packages,

wherein the customized travel package is based on the second user selection and comprises components of the different travel packages.

156. (previously presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 155, wherein the components comprise an airline ticket, an available hotel room, and an available rental car.

157. (previously presented): The computer computer-readable medium according to claim 155, wherein the method for generating a customized travel package further comprises calculating a price for the customized travel package.

158. (previously presented): A computer-implemented method for generating a customized travel package, comprising:

displaying by a computer a plurality of components, said plurality of components comprising air travel, hotel accommodations, and car rental;

receiving by the computer a first client selection comprising at least two of the plurality components and information input by the user for every desired component of the travel group;

calculating by the computer travel packages, each of the travel packages comprising a value for each of the selected components based on the information input by the user;

displaying by the computer the calculated travel packages;

receiving by the computer a second client selection of components selected from different displayed travel packages; and

creating by the computer a customized travel package based on the second client selection; and

displaying by the computer the created customized travel package,

wherein the customized travel package is different from each of the displayed travel packages.

159. - 163. (canceled).

164. (withdrawn): The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising when executing said calculating of the plurality of options, for each of the plurality of calculated options, checking by the server on-the-fly availability of the inventory corresponding to a suboption of the option being calculated.

165. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the manipulating comprises inputting a value for said at least one parameter of the at least one selected component.

166. (canceled).